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FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS IN OLD FLORIDA.

Georgia F. A. Hendry Writes of It in Times-Union.

Captain F. A. Hendry, one of Florida's best citizens, who is well known and loved all over the State, writes the following to the Times Union:

Editor Times-Union: I have just read from the able pen of Mr. Sidney Herndon a very interesting letter, "Progress of the Florida Railroads," which put me into a very reminiscent mood.

I enjoy very much the writings of these old-timers. Their writings are always full of interest to me. It is hard for the present generation to realize the vicissitudes, trials and inconveniences through which the old-timers have passed. It is these old-timers who can fully realize the marvelous changes during the long period of a half century. It was in the winter of 1850, my father, James E. Hendry, moved from Thomas county, Georgia, to Hillsborough county, Florida. I, at that time, was a vigorous youth of 17 years, and acted in the responsible position of engineer and conductor of an ox team, and had the right of way the entire run of about five hundred miles. The schedule was no well arranged, that there were no collisions, no break downs or smash ups. The goods were all delivered in good order at the terminal. There were no bills of complaint or rebates. This was fifty-seven years ago. There were no railroad crossings, no sign boards with the warning, "Look out for the engine when the whistle blows."

Leaving the little town of Thomasville, Georgia, the first point of notoriety was Madison Court House, now the beautiful, flourishing city of Madison. The next point of interest was old Columbus, on the old Suwannee river, very near the present site of Ellaville. Then came the little town of Alligator, nestled among the lakes, now the city of Lake City. Then came the little town of Newnanville, the county seat of Alachua county. In this quiet town Uncle Sam kept his land office. The next point of interest was the famous Payne's Prairie, having driven over the present of Gainesville. There was no Gainesville then, not a shop or hack to be seen, as I now remember. Payne's Prairie was indeed a point of interest to me. As far as the eye could see was a level expanse of open prairie, clothed with grass, the most luxuriant, all dotted with herds of fat cattle and horses, and clouds of ducks and wild geese. To a youth as I was, it was captivating beyond my power of description. Next point in order was Micanopy, a pretty little town among the shady oaks, and of Indian war notoriety, a town with a history. It was in this vicinity the admiration of the beautiful and the grandeur of nature's handiwork was felt in my young breast. The rich, undulating hammock lands, the beautiful silver lakes, with their green borders of spatterdocks or bonnets, was inspiring.

Big Orange Lake was the next point of interest, and it was a stunner. It was there I saw my first orange grove, not tame and cultivated as now, but wild, just as nature planted them. Passing through the dense hammock lands bordering that grand old lake, these wild orange trees were most beautifully interspersed. Look where you would, and there the deep yellow oranges hung like apples of gold. They were the bitter-sweet variety, good enough for anybody. My pen is not able to describe the scenery as I saw it in that day.

Ocala was the next point of interest. It, too, was a very little town, a city in embryo, now the Brick City of our State, situated there among the tall oaks, hickory, beech and magnolias.

The next point of interest was Dade's Massacre. The signs of mortal strife were not old. There I slowed down and trod lightly upon that memorable and sacred spot. If I did not, I should have bared my head, bowed in humble respect to the noble patriots who sacrificed their lives upon the altar of their country. No other points of much interest did we pass, except the crossing of the famous Withlacoochee and Hillsborough rivers, until we reach our destination, 22 miles east of Tampa on the Alafia river. There we settled in a wild wilderness country and began life anew in a wild country. To give only a brief sketch of my ups and downs during this long period of 57 years, would fill a book of many pages. In reviewing the conditions then and now, our minds naturally run to railroads and what they have done for our fair State. During the latter '50's I heard my first railroad speech. It was made in Tampa by George Call, a cousin, I believe, of our beloved William Call. He was a brilliant man and stirred up Tampa on the railroad question. I remember well that mass meeting. Our dear old landmark, James McKay, Sr., presided at that meeting. That famous old railroad charter, from Amelia Island to Charlotte Harbor, with a branch to Cedar Key and Tampa, was the only road then being discussed. We all knew its history. Since that time I have heard many railroad speeches, some of them lauding railroads to the skies, others abusing the railroads beyond all common sense and reason. But,

Conference Appointments.
The following is the appointments of the Annual Conference for Tallahassee District:

J. E. Wilson, presiding elder.
Apalachicola mission, M. H. Norton, one to be supplied by J. A. Silva; Aucilla, H. B. Perrett; Blue Creek Circuit, to be supplied by Bristol, F. A. Taylor; Carrabelle, J. B. Taylor; Concord Circuit, W. J. Gray; Crawfordville Circuit, S. L. Brown; East Palmetto Circuit, W. M. Scarborough, supply; Greenville, T. C. Bradford; Havana, F. Stehameyer; Leon Circuit, J. E. Mickler; Mayo and Mission, H. J. Hoffinger and L. W. Higgs, supply; Midway Circuit, D. G. McDaniel, supply; Monticello, S. Hardin, Mount Pleasant, R. W. Sanders; Old Town, J. F. Clarke; Perry, H. C. Hoffman; Quincy, A. E. Householder; Quincy Circuit, to be supplied; Sycamore, W. C. Norton; Tallahassee, I. S. Patterson; Trinity and Mission, J. E. Woodward; Waukeenhah, T. F. Roland; West Madison Circuit, W. F. Fletcher; Woodville, H. B. Fletcher, supply; Missionary to Cuba, W. G. Fletcher.

notwithstanding the conflicting sentiment, pro and con, the railroads have come, and have come to stay. Not, however, without great trials and tribulations, and there is no man who has greater reason to rejoice in their coming than the writer, and I greet them with all heart and soul. I have cast my vote in granting more lands, possibly, to build railroads than any living man in Florida, and there is no doubt but those grants of land have been the means by which the State to-day is all checkered up with railroad. The 10,500,000 acres of lands given to the railroads has been a main spring in the building and operating of these roads. It is a source of much gratification to me, and I venture to say all the people of the State, to know that they have done their part nobly in aiding these great public utilities, and to see our State to-day blooming and blossoming as the rose. While I am a great friend of the railroads, and give them great credit for the wonderful development of our State, I am sorry to believe that in many instances they have not dealt fairly by the people, and that the people have just cause to complain. The fact has been pretty well established, but the great and vital principle of railroad service should not be condemned for the shortcomings of a few systems. The people who have given their 10,500,000 acres of actually deeded lands to railroads feel that they have invested rights as well as moral rights, and the railroads cannot afford to lose sight of this fact. If, indeed, those rights are ignored or overlooked, the railroads cannot be surprised at the representatives of the people passing laws to enforce a square deal. From my standpoint, I feel that the most friendly and fraternal feelings should exist between the railroads and the people. The great advantages the railroads are to the people of this State need not be mentioned in this letter--their name is legion.

It was in the latter '50's I had occasion to make a trip to Thomasville, Ga. I was then living at Fort Meade, Fla., and rode horseback 90 miles to Melonville, very near the present site of Sanford. There I took passage on Captain Brock's steamer to Jacksonville. Then and there I saw my first railroad, a brand new road, now the Seaboard system. I traveled on that road to Lake City. The railroad had just been completed to that point. There I took the stage and traveled to Madison, thence on stage to the Savannah road to Thomasville. Returning, I traveled by stage to Monticello. There I took the railroad for Tallahassee, and there on the oldest road in the State to Saint Marks, where I took passage on a weekly steamboat line to Cedar Key, and on to Tampa, and from there 45 miles overland on horseback to my home on the beautiful Peace river. This was the best that could be done then. Think of it now, in this day of quick and ready transit, I can make the same round trip in 48 hours.

Immediately after the great war I was a delegate from Polk county to our State Constitutional Convention, and Uncle Sam furnished the transportation and I took an old slow war transport from Tampa to St. Marks. Many similar trips of this kind I made before the days of quick and ready transit. No use to mention that to-day South Florida, with her incomparable climate, can furnish the markets of the North with her millions of fruits and vegetables, fresh and crisp from grove and garden.

Let us stop cursing railroads and foster them, and by so doing we encourage them to give us a fair and square deal. Let the laws be wisely enacted to meet sporadic cases of railroad ingratitude.

Very respectfully,
F. A. HENDRY.
La Belle, Lee Co., Fla., Nov. 23.

A Hearty Appetite
is what most babies have, but is of no benefit to them if they have worms. Be sure your baby is not troubled with them. Sure symptoms--always hungry, rings under the eyes, not gaining in weight and yellow complexion. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge will expel all worms. It is a positive cure and reliable. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by Hardee-Smith Co.

SENATOR MALLORY DIED MONDAY.

News Casts a Gloom Over the Whole State.

The special from Pensacola Monday morning, announcing the death of our loved United States Senator Stephen R. Mallory, was sad news to every Floridian.

Pensacola, Dec. 23.--Senator Stephen Russell Mallory died at 12:48 o'clock this morning at the home of his nephew, Dr. Mallory Kennedy.

Senator Mallory was stricken on November 20 with paralysis of the left side. He rallied somewhat, but early yesterday began sinking rapidly and was in an unconscious condition all during the afternoon and night.

Senator Mallory was born November 2, 1848. He entered the Confederate army in Virginia in the fall of 1864, and in the spring of 1865 was appointed a midshipman in the Confederate navy. He entered Georgetown College, District of Columbia, in November, 1865, and was graduated in 1869.

He taught a class at Georgetown college until July, 1871. He was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Louisiana at New Orleans in 1873.

In 1874 he removed to Pensacola and began practicing law. In 1876 he was elected a member of the lower house of the Florida legislature. In 1880 he was elected to the Florida State Senate, and was re-elected to the same position in 1884. He was elected to the Fifty-second and Fifty-third congresses from the First district of Florida, and was elected to the United States senate by the legislature of Florida for the term beginning March 4, 1897, to which position he was re-elected in 1903, without opposition. In June, 1904, he received the degree of doctor of laws from the Georgetown university.

Senator Mallory was a member of the senate committees on commerce, fisheries, naval affairs, Pacific islands and Porto Rico, patents, public health and national quarantine and the revision of the laws of the United States.

First Round of Quarterly Conference for 1908--Tallahassee District.

Madison, January 6.
Tallahassee, January 10.
Quincy, January 13, at 10 a. m.
Quincy Circuit, January 13, at 3 p. m., at Quincy Methodist Church.
Carrabelle, January 18.
Apalachicola, January 20.
Woodville, January 22.
Leon Circuit, January 25, 26; at Lloyds.
Waukeenhah, January 26, 27; at Waukeenhah.
Midway, February 1, 2; at Midway.
Havana, February 2, 3.
West Madison Circuit, February 7, 8; at Shiloh.
Greenville, February 8, 9; at Greenville.
Madison Circuit, February 10; at Hickory Grove.
Mt. Pleasant, February 15, 16; at Glen Julia.
Sycamore, February 16, 17; at Sycamore.
Concord Circuit, February 19; at Concord.
Fenholloway Circuit, February 22, 23; at Fenholloway.
Perry, February 23, 24.
Mayo, February 24.
Old Town, February 26; at Old Town.
Aucilla, February 29, March 1; at Aucilla.
Monticello, March 2; at night.
Bristol, March 7, 8.
Blue Creek Circuit, March 10; at Blue Creek.
Crawfordville Circuit, March 14, 15; at Sopchoppy.

J. EDGAR WILSON, P. E., Tallahassee, Fla.

District Notices--Tallahassee District.

The District Stewards of Tallahassee District are called to meet in Trinity Church, Tallahassee, on Thursday, January 9th, 1908, at 3 p. m. I trust that the District Steward from every charge will be present. If those coming will notify the pastor, Rev. I. S. Patterson, in advance, they will be provided with entertainment while here.

The District Board of Trustees, and the Ladies' District Parsonage Committee, are requested to meet at the District Parsonage, on the same day, at 7:30 p. m.

J. EDGAR WILSON, P. E.

Premises for Educational Exhibits.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., Dec. 17, 1907.
To the Teachers of the Public Schools of the State:

I am just in receipt of a communication from Hon. Thomas J. L. Brown, in which he advises me that he is forwarding to each of you a revised list of premiums for educational exhibits that will be offered at the forthcoming Florida State Mid-Winter Fair to be held in Tampa, Fla., February 5-23, 1908.

I wish to invite your attention to the list that shall be sent you, and to request that you put forth every possible effort to have your school creditably represented at this great fair. Nearly one thousand five hundred dollars in cash prizes will be offered for educational

Gen. Lee Says No.

A dispatch from Montgomery, Dec. 18th, says: "General Stephen D. Lee, Commander of the United Confederate Veterans, has vigorously but courteously protested, in a letter to Congressman R. P. Hobson, against the presentation of the latter's bill, asking for an appropriation to pension Confederate soldiers. General Lee says that such a bill would not represent the wishes of surviving Confederates, and, while serving no useful purpose, would do possible harm."

"I think I know the feeling of the old soldiers about the matter," he said. "Now, there is an indirect way in which the United States help can be rendered. If the government will refund the cotton tax, which was collected from the South, the amounts apportioned each State might be turned over as a Confederate pension by the State receiving them."

The last issue of the True Democrat, Tallahassee, was a whooper. Bro. Collins is giving his readers a paper worth having. May success ever be with The True Democrat in the work it is doing. Madison Recorder.

exhibits alone, and the individual county prizes will be one hundred dollars for the best exhibit, and fifty dollars for the second best exhibit; also two hundred dollars for the largest county exhibit, and one hundred dollars for the best rural school exhibit. There will be two prizes of one hundred dollars each, one to the city school making the largest and best exhibit, and the other to the rural school making the largest and best exhibit. It should be particularly noted that this allows the opportunity for a single county to take five hundred dollars in prizes.

If it is not practicable for you to have your school represented as a whole, then, in order that no ambitious boy or girl may be denied the privilege of entering this very helpful contest, I suggest that the best work of any individual pupil, or pupils, be sent in and placed on exhibition. An examination of the premium list will show that the premiums, as offered, are so diversified as to appeal to the taste and ability of almost every pupil in any school of whatever grade.

Since the Fair is to be held in February instead of November, as heretofore, ample time will be afforded for the preparation of exhibits representing the work of this term, and since the list includes premiums for all the grades, from the Kindergarten to the High School, every child in the public schools of the State will have an opportunity to win an individual prize for his home county.

I hope that you will use every effort towards getting up the best possible exhibit from your school, and in arousing the individual efforts of your pupils.

The Fair management will set apart one day during the Fair, to be known as Educational Day, and the railroads will give greatly reduced rates to the teachers and pupils of the public schools on this occasion, thus making it possible for every one within a reasonable radius to attend and inspect the exhibits for himself.

If you do not receive a premium list at once, please apply to Hon. Thomas J. L. Brown, President of the Florida State Mid-Winter Fair Association, Tampa, Fla., or to Miss Clem Hampton, Secretary of the Studenthelp Fair Association, Tallahassee, Fla.

Yours very truly,
W. M. HOLLOWAY,
State Sup't Pub. Inst.

Tallahassee Has Paid.

Would it not be wise in the banks to resume money payments at the earliest possible moment? So long as they pay out money in only limited amounts it is useless to urge other people not to hoard their money. People will not put their money where they think they cannot get it when they want it. Farmers and others are complaining that there is no money on market for products and that business is becoming stagnant. There is no good reason why this should be so. If everybody would turn loose their cash, there would be plenty of money. --Miami Metropolis.

At no time during the tightness in money has a single Tallahassee bank refused to pay any just claim upon it in that we have heard of, and that speaks good for our banks and Tallahassee.

When to Go Home.

From the Bluffton, Ind., Banner: "When tired out, go home. When you want consolation, go home. When you want fun, go home. When you want to show others that you have reformed, go home and let your family get acquainted with the fact. When you want to show yourself at your best go home and do the act there. When you feel like being extra liberal go home and practice on your wife and children first. When you want to shine with extra brilliancy go home and light up the whole household." To which we would add, when you have a bad cold go home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and a quick cure is certain. For sale by Tallahassee Drug Co.

Don't make your final arrangements for the winter until you have called upon Miss Mattie Wheatley, at her popular boarding house on North Monroe street.

FLORIDA'S BIG MID-WINTER EXPOSITION.

To Be a Success, and Leon County Should Be There.

The greatest competitive series of airship flights ever undertaken in America since the ones which occurred in St. Louis the week of October 22d, 1907, will be inaugurated at the Florida Mid-Winter Exposition in Jacksonville, Fla., for two weeks, commencing February 1st, 1908.

Arrangements have been completed, and these tests will take place under the auspices of the Jacksonville Motor Club, and they will bring together the world's greatest airship navigators, in fact, the winners of the great dirigible balloon race in St. Louis on Wednesday, October 23d. Lincoln J. Beachey will make an effort to break the record he made on that occasion, which, by the way, was a flight of a mile and a half in 4 minutes and 40 seconds--made at St. Louis, using the powerful airship "Beachey" on that occasion.

This airship is equipped with an eight-horse-power four-cylinder gasoline motor, weighing 82 pounds, with a 9-foot propeller, and a rudder with four wings to it. He bucked the wind, which was at a fifteen-mile-hour breeze, made every turn of the course, landing back where he started from as lightly as a feather, amid the unbounded enthusiasm of 75,000 spectators. For this he received the first prize of \$1,500. Jack Dallas, of Toledo, won the second prize, his time being 6 minutes and 10 seconds. All of these prize winners will be in Jacksonville to compete once more.

One airship, known as the Wild Airship, operated by Boyadoff, and which is said to be booked for exhibition at the State fair at Tampa, did not finish; in fact, he didn't get on the course at all.

Challenge has been made by Lincoln J. Beachey against the airship for a \$10,000 race at Jacksonville during the Exposition. It is not likely, however, that any one will accept Mr. Beachey's challenge. These aerial flights will form the greatest attraction that was ever brought to Florida, and in themselves stamp the Mid-Winter Exposition at Jacksonville as being an event of magnitude and importance, even if nothing else should do so.

Other great attractions and free acts at the Florida Mid-Winter Exposition during its continuance will be Paul's Fire Spectacle, employing 200 people to produce it, at a cost of \$4,000 a night; Ellery's Royal Italian Band of fifty musicians, cost the Exposition management \$3,000 a week; James E. Hardy, the Fire King, called the Blondin of America; Miller's Trained Elephants; Bostock's Famous Animal Arcus; The Infant Incubators; Sorcho's Deep Sea Divers; and the hundred and one free acts, special demonstration shows and amusement devices. Of course, the most important object will be the exportation of Florida's great manufactured and natural resources. Almost every county in the State will be represented by either official or individual exhibits. The low price of admission of twenty-five cents will be fixed by the management.

Best Tobacco Seed.

House of Representatives, Washington, December 14, 1907.

Editor True Democrat, Tallahassee, Fla.:

DEAR SIR--I will take pleasure in sending to any citizen in your county a package of tobacco seed, either the Sumatra, for planting under shade, or the Cuban filler, for open planting. I will also send some tobacco literature with each package of seed. A postal card from such citizen, addressed to me here, care House of Representatives, will receive an immediate response. The government requires me to file the request of all persons desiring tobacco seed. Please publish this letter for the information of the people of your county.

Very truly yours,
W. B. LAMAR,
M. C. 34 Dist., Fla.

Sale Prohibited.

A special from Danville, Ill., says: "Judge Wright, in the Federal court, granted a temporary restraining order prohibiting the sale at East St. Louis to-morrow of railroad lands and property in Florida, valued at \$20,000,000. The order is issued against the Illinois State Trust Company of East St. Louis, and the Apalachicola Northern Railroad Company, the Florida concern."

The mortgage and bondholders and others on the petition include David Somers, William R. Haze, J. H. Trump, and B. H. Beverly, who ask for an injunction until the case can be brought to adjudication in the Missouri courts.

For Sale.

Portable Saw Mill, 35 horse power Frick Engine and Boiler, mounted on wheels, Guiser Mill Cable feed, 4 head blocks, carriage in two sections. One (1) Lath Machine, six (6) Saws, one (1) Bolting or Rip Table, underneath Slab Saw, two (2) Inserted Tooth Diagonal Saws, 48 and 54 inch Shafting, Boxes, Pulleys, etc., all in good condition. Address, D. M. LUTZ, Tallahassee.